

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

November 20, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Joe Jax (2.5 hrs) Bob Giede (2.5 Hrs) Mike Schendel (3 hrs) Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs)
Dennis Kropp (2 Hrs) Nancy Schofield (14 Hrs) Eric Sutherland (2 Hrs)

Guests: Richard Henning, Judy Zimmerman, Cortney Cole and Randy Eide

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording volunteer hours. Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out and were reviewed. A motion was made for approval of the October 16 meeting minutes by Cindy Gilberts, seconded by Mike Schendel, Motion passed.

Amur Cork Tree Removal: Ordinance Revision Status: City Attorney is drafting an amendment. Ordinance amendment will come back to board for review prior to City Council vote.

2020 Budget: \$14,000 for 2020 was approved by council. There is a contingency budget if Council overspends due to Ash tree issues.

Benches: New bench has been picked up. All benches have new tags – under the seat, but still visible. Park benches are attached to the foundation. There are a total of 10 benches distributed throughout the city.

Urban Forester Report:

1. Will we continue with the private tree planting program?
 - a. Trees will come from gravel bed
 - b. Contacting Bailey's for better variety of tree options.
2. If no program, plant new trees throughout the city – replace the ones that are being taken down.
3. Urban Forestry Board would like a gravel bed field trip to see the process of the planting of transported trees.

City Council Report: Amur Cork tree revision, to the city Attorney. Budget for 2020 UF Board approved for \$14k.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Amur Cork Tree Ordinance Review
- 2) 2020 tree program status
- 3) Ash trees: treat and save which trees?
- 4) Add public comments portion to the agenda, start guest sign in.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2020, 2 PM at the Conference Room in City Hall

Submitted by: Cortney Cole